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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the final Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated October 31, 2006 in the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respond as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.